



By the King.

A Proclamation prohibiting the transportation  
of any Corne, Graine, Victuals, Ordinance, Armes, or  
Munition for Warre, into the Kingdome  
of France.



Hereas the differences betweene Vs, and Our Brother the French King, haue beene of later times, and at this present are so notorious, that neither Our owne Subjects, nor any our Allyes and Confederates, can in any probability pretend ignorance of them; And Whereas Our sayd Brother of France, did publish two severall Declarations, the first of the fourteenth day of May, one thousand six hundred twenty seven, the second of the twelfth of August, one thousand six hundred twenty seven, full of acrimony, wherein, amongst other things, all Traffique and Commerce with Our Realme of England is prohibited, not onely to his owne Subjects, but to all others of whatsoever qualitie, condition, or Nation they bee, vnder severe penalties, which notwithstanding, yet wee haue proceeded with such moderation, that hitherto wee haue not onely forborne any such publication, but haue in a sort dispensed with such as haue carried to Our sayd Brother, and his Subjects, euen warlike provisions, and other the most forbidden Commodities, hoping that this Our mildenesse and facility, would haue produced better effects: But now, taking into Our Princely consideration the manifold inconueniences which vpon this libertie haue ensued, and dayly may bee multiplied, to the damage of Vs and Our people, if the same should not bee prevented with a speedie restraint; And well knowing how agreeable it is to reason, and the practice of all Princes and States, to hinder and diuert the transportation of all manner of Victuals, and Munitions of Warre, provided for the ayde and support of those, who at present are not in amitie with Vs, and therefore are likely to imploy them against Vs and Our Kingdomes; wee are resolved to

publish and notifie, and by these presents, by the aduice of Our Prīue Counsell, doe publish and notifie, that wee will not hencefoorth permit any person whatsoener, to send, or carry into the Realme of France, or any the Countreys and Dominions of the French King, any manner of Graine, or other Victuals, or any manner of provisions, to serue to build, furnish, or arme any Ships of warre, or any kinde of Munition for the warre, or Materials for the same, being not of the nature of meere Merchandize: And therefore, if any person, either of Our owne Subjects, or of Our Allyes and Confederates, shall after twenty dayes from the publication of these presents, by any of Our owne Ships, or the Ships of any Our Subjects, authorized vnder the great Seale of the Admiraltie to that effect, be taken sayling towards the places aforesayd, hauing on board any Ordnance, Armes of any sort, Powder, Shot, Match, Brimstone, Copper, Iron, Cordage of any kindes, Hempe, Saile, Cables, Anchors, Masts, Rafteres, Boat-oares, Capraues, Clapboard, Pipestauers, Vessels, Pitch, Tarre, Rosin, Okam, Corne, Graine, or Victuals of any sort, or any provisions for shipping, or Munitions for warre, or returning thence in the same Voyage with the proceede of the sayd prohibited goods; wee shall hold the sayd Ships and Goods so taken for lawfull Prize, and cause them to bee ordered as Ships and Goods duely forfeited for the benefit of Our selues, where Our owne Shippes shall arrest the same, and to the benefit of such others as being not in Our wages, but otherwise authorized vnder the great Seale of Our Admiraltie, as is aforesaid, by Letters of Marque, haue stayed and arrested the same.

Given at Our Court at White-Hall the fifteenth day of October, in the fourth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.



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